
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Eligibility

The National Guard Education Assistance Program provides grants to National Guard members attending eligible Iowa colleges and universities, including community colleges. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be an Iowa resident and a member of the Army or Air National Guard for each term that benefits are received.
- Must satisfactorily complete required Guard training and maintain satisfactory performance of required Guard duty.
- Must be pursuing a certificate or undergraduate degree at an eligible Iowa college or university and maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Must submit an application to the adjutant general of Iowa, on forms prescribed by the adjutant general, who shall determine eligibility and whose decision is final.

Awards

The maximum award cannot exceed the average resident tuition rate established for the Regents universities. Each year, the Guard determines what percentage of tuition will be reimbursed based on the available funding and the anticipated number of applications. The level of applications can be difficult to predict due to changes in Guard deployments.

Awardees are limited to receiving total assistance under the program for up to 120 semester credit hours of undergraduate study or the equivalent.

Funding

The Program receives an annual General Fund appropriation. Funding levels fluctuate as a result of increasing or decreasing demand due to deployment levels.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [261.86](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [283—20](#)

More Information

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